Senate File 411 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 411
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 307)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act creating a disaster case management grant fund and
- 2 program.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 1 Section 1. Section 29C.20B, Code 2015, is amended by
- 2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 3 following:
- 4 29C.20B Disaster case management grant fund and program.
- 5 l. a. A disaster case management grant fund is created
- 6 in the state treasury for the use of the executive council.
- 7 Moneys in the fund shall be expended if grants are awarded
- 8 pursuant to section 29C.20A following the governor's
- 9 proclamation of a state of disaster emergency or the
- 10 declaration of a major disaster by the president of the United 11 States.
- 12 b. The executive council may make financial grants to meet
- 13 disaster-related case management needs of disaster-affected
- 14 individuals. The aggregate total of grants awarded shall
- 15 not be more than one million dollars during a fiscal year.
- 16 However, within the same fiscal year, additional funds may
- 17 be specifically authorized by the executive council to meet
- 18 additional needs. Of the one million dollar aggregate total,
- 19 fifty thousand dollars may be expended for contract entity
- 20 staff support, and fifty thousand dollars may be expended for
- 21 case management training and continuing training.
- 22 c. The department of human services shall work with the
- 23 department of homeland security and emergency management
- 24 and, as selected by the department of human services, a
- 25 representative of nonprofit, voluntary, and faith-based
- 26 organizations active in disaster recovery and response to
- 27 establish a statewide system of disaster case management
- 28 to be activated following the governor's proclamation of a
- 29 disaster emergency or the declaration of a major disaster by
- 30 the president of the United States for individual assistance
- 31 purposes.
- 32 2. The department of human services shall administer
- 33 disaster case management grants. The department of human
- 34 services, in conjunction with the department of homeland
- 35 security and emergency management, shall establish a disaster

tm/rj

- 1 case management program and adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
- 2 necessary to administer the program. The executive council
- 3 shall use grant moneys to reimburse the department of human
- 4 services for actual expenses associated with the administration
- 5 of the grants. Under the program, the department of human
- 6 services shall coordinate case management services locally
- 7 through one or more contracted entities. The department of
- 8 human services shall implement an ongoing contract with a
- 9 provider of a statewide program with local offices throughout
- 10 the state to serve as the local administrative entity for the
- 11 grant program to allow implementation of the program with
- 12 minimal delay if grants are awarded pursuant to section 29C.20A
- 13 following a governor's proclamation of a state of disaster
- 14 emergency or a declaration of a major disaster by the president
- 15 of the United States.
- 16 3. The department of human services, in conjunction with the
- 17 department of homeland security and emergency management and a
- 18 representative of the Iowa voluntary organizations active in
- 19 disaster, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to create
- 20 coordination mechanisms and standards for the establishment
- 21 and implementation of a statewide system of disaster case
- 22 management. The rules adopted by the department of human
- 23 services for the program shall include but are not limited to
- 24 all of the following:
- 25 a. If a local administrative entity is under contract with
- 26 the state to provide other services or is implementing a state
- 27 or federal program and the contract contains a sufficient
- 28 surety bond or other adequate financial responsibility
- 29 provisions, the department shall accept the existing surety
- 30 bond or financial responsibility provisions in lieu of applying
- 31 a new or additional surety bond or financial responsibility
- 32 requirement.
- 33 b. Authorization for the local administrative entity to draw
- 34 down grant funding to pay valid claims on at least a weekly
- 35 basis.

tm/rj

- 1 c. Disaster case management standards.
- đ. Disaster case management policies.
- 3 Reporting requirements. e.
- f. Eligibility criteria. 4
- Coordination mechanisms necessary to carry out the q. 6 services provided.
- Development of formal working relationships with agencies
- 8 and creation of interagency agreements for those considered to
- 9 provide disaster case management services.
- 10 Establishment of nonduplication of benefits policies and
- 11 mechanisms for the exchange of information between agencies to
- 12 ensure compliance with the federal Health Insurance Portability
- 13 and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191, 110 Stat.
- 14 1936 (1996).
- Referral to all known available services for individuals 15
- 16 from multiple agencies in coordinated service locations.
- 4. By January 1 of each year, the department of human 17
- 18 services shall submit an annual written report to the
- 19 legislative fiscal committee and the general assembly's
- 20 standing committees on government oversight concerning the
- 21 activities of the grant program during the previous fiscal
- 22 year.
- 23 **EXPLANATION**
- 24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 25
- the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 26 This bill creates a disaster case management grant fund and 27 program.
- 28 The bill replaces provisions relating to disaster case
- 29 management with a disaster case management fund. Moneys in
- 30 the fund must be expended if individual assistance grants
- 31 are awarded following the governor's proclamation of a
- 32 state of disaster emergency or the declaration of a major
- 33 disaster by the president of the United States.
- 34 allows the executive council to make financial grants to meet
- 35 disaster-related case management needs of disaster-affected

1 individuals. The aggregate total of grants awarded shall not 2 be more than \$1 million during a fiscal year; however, within 3 the same fiscal year, additional funds may be specifically 4 authorized by the executive council to meet additional needs. 5 Of the \$1 million aggregate total, \$50,000 may be expended for 6 contract entity staff support, and \$50,000 may be expended for 7 case management training and continuing training. The bill requires the department of human services to 9 work with the department of homeland security and emergency 10 management and, as selected by the department of human 11 services, a representative of nonprofit, voluntary, and 12 faith-based organizations active in disaster recovery 13 and response to establish a statewide system of disaster 14 case management to be activated following the governor's 15 proclamation of a disaster emergency or the declaration of 16 a major disaster by the president of the United States for 17 individual assistance purposes. The bill requires the department of human services to 18 19 administer the disaster case management grants. 20 requires the department of human services, in conjunction with 21 the department of homeland security and emergency management, 22 to establish an Iowa disaster case management program and adopt 23 rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A necessary to administer 24 the program. The executive council shall use grant moneys to 25 reimburse the department of human services for actual expenses 26 associated with the administration of the grants. 27 program, the bill requires the department of human services 28 to coordinate case management services locally through one or 29 more contracted entities. The department of human services is 30 required to implement an ongoing contract with a provider of a 31 statewide program with local offices throughout the state to 32 serve as the local administrative entity for the grant program 33 to allow implementation of the program with minimal delay if 34 individual assistance grants are awarded following a governor's 35 proclamation of a state of disaster emergency or a declaration

tm/rj

- 1 of a major disaster by the president of the United States.
- 2 The bill requires the department of human services, in
- 3 conjunction with the department of homeland security and
- 4 emergency management and a representative of the Iowa voluntary
- 5 organizations active in disaster, to adopt rules pursuant
- 6 to Code chapter 17A to create coordination mechanisms and
- 7 standards for the establishment and implementation of a
- 8 statewide system of disaster case management.
- 9 The bill includes an annual reporting requirement.